

The Other Press

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COMING UP!
 Due to a Canadian University Press Conference being held in two weeks, our next issue will be one week later. It will be distributed February 26th. Also coming up is our *Women's Issue*. It will be distributed **March 5th**. After that we will be publishing again every two weeks.

DCSS Locked in Closet

by Marion Drakos

President of the Douglas College Student Society, Aias Perez, says the lack of adequate student society office space in the new Thomas Haney site is creating a "geographical barrier" for Maple Ridge students who want to be involved in student government.

"I see the student society not as a luxury but a necessity," Perez said. "This is a symptom of the lack of legitimate representation in the college system."

According to Maple Ridge Member at Large, Angus Adaire, the size of the society office in the 25 million dollar complex is "the same size as some of the washrooms."

Perez says he understands the financial limitations of the complex and realizes that the college must prioritize but that the college has its priorities "all wrong."

"Why is it that the largest group on campus has the least amount of power - from voting on the college board to having a say in how much space they have in a building."

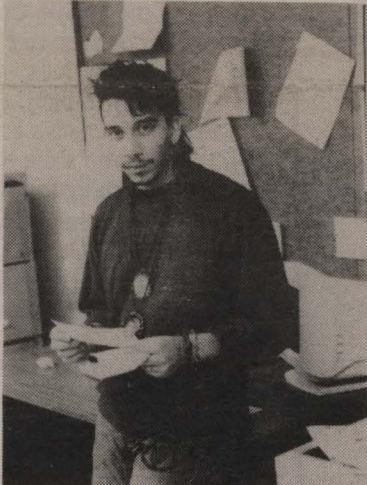
Matthew Martin, the Other Press Board member, was disappointed at the lack of space allo-

cated to the student paper.

"It's a flagrant disregard to the students in Maple Ridge. The fact that we aren't allocated any space only shows how little thought has been put into the whole project."

Adaire questions the wisdom of the combining of a high school with a college. "Some continuing education students that I've talked to are afraid to go to (Thomas) Haney," he said, "because there is no place for the college students to go so they can get away from the high school students."

photo by Marion Drakos



Aias Perez- President of the DCSS

Freeze the Fees Campaign Gears

by Matthew Martin

The Provincial Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students met last week to try and expand the "Freeze the Fees" campaign into the smaller colleges in BC said Christina Steinmann, the Vice-President, Internal of the DCSS.

"So far the campaign has been university centred" said Steinmann. The beefed up campaign will involve bigger rallies and bigger events on a few of the college campuses. "Douglas College is good because we are so centred" said Steinmann adding that most of the representative committee are involved in some way.

The Douglas College Faculty Association has also given their formal support to the "Freeze the Fees" campaign in a letter addressed to the DCSS.

Activities so far have included the stamping of cheques at registration for tuition and the stamping of registration forms with "Freeze the

Fees."

There will be a committee struck to plan the campaign here on campus. If you would like to get involved and maybe help out, you can contact the DCSS at 527-5111 or 527-5109. Talk to either Jennifer or Christina.

photo by Marion Drakos



Chris Steinmann-VP External

Timing of Resignation 'Questionable'

by Matthew Martin

The Vice-President Internal of the DCSS, Laura Ziegler, resigned last Wednesday. In her resignation she said the main reason was that her doctor recommended that she cut back on her activities because she was ill.

Ziegler is the same person who is under investigation by the representative committee because she violated the confidentiality of the Ombudsoffice by directing the office manager to remove the answering machine from his office and then proceeded to listen to the messages, according to the investigative committee.

Christina Steinmann, said "I'm not sure if she is resigning because of the answering machine because she hasn't been around. But I do know that she was ill in late December."

Many other people at the DCSS also felt that she wasn't around enough. Norman

Gludovatz, speaker for the DCSS representative committee said that he "didn't see her enough to get along with her or to get to know her."

Jaimie McEvoy said that her "attendance at the rep committee meetings were irregular at best." McEvoy also feels that the issue of the tape machine must still be addressed by Ziegler. "The whole matter was adequate grounds for resignation right from the start...I didn't get the impression that the office was an active one."

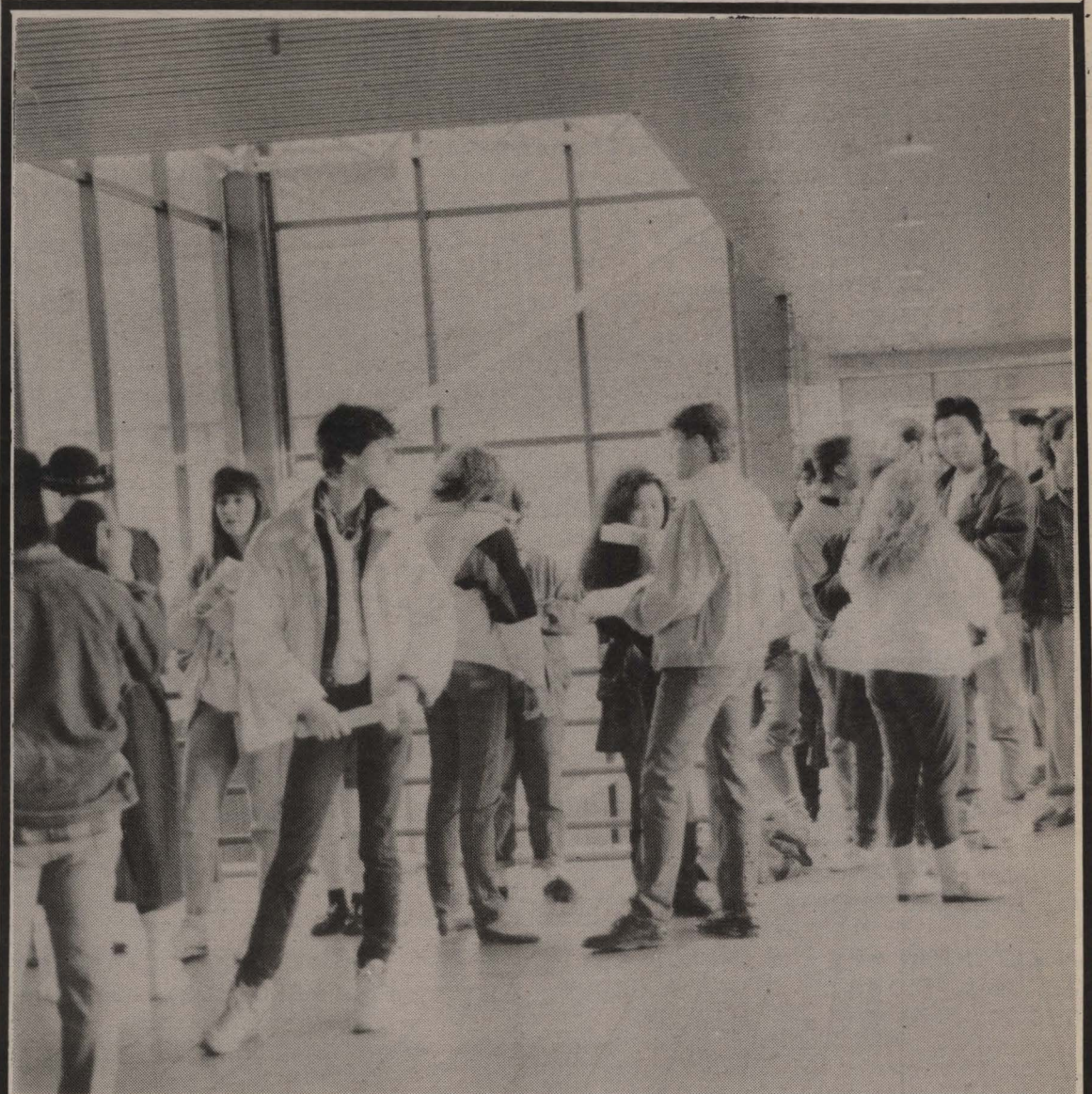
McEvoy also states that the timing of the resignation was questionable.

Ombudsperson, Keith Olstrom, thought the whole thing was a "witch hunt" and that a lot of personal feelings were involved. "The whole matter has been handled in a shoddy and unprofessional manner...it appears to me that they [the rep committee] were just looking for a scapegoat."

The discipline committee will be making its recommendations at the next rep committee meeting. When Ziegler was asked how she feels that the matter was still being pursued she replied "What sort of action can they take? I don't really care what they do."



Laura Ziegler-VP Internal
 photo by Matthew Martin



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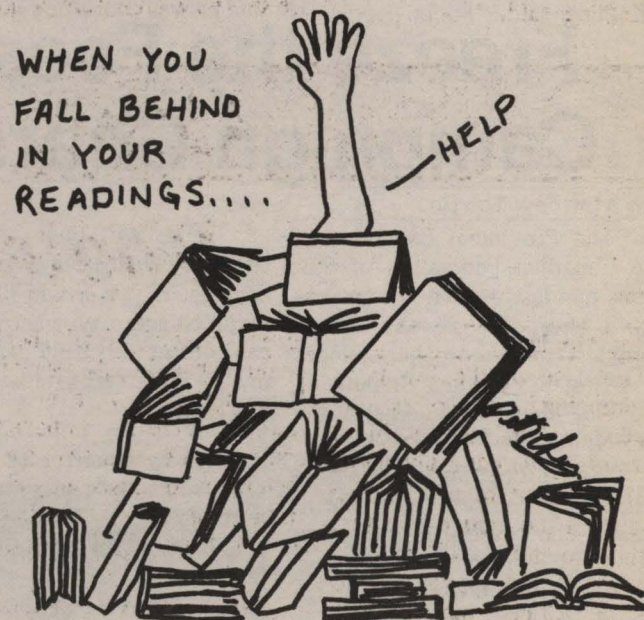
PRESTO!

by Nick Waldron

Yeah, so tickets have already gone on sale for Canada's top selling and most popular band. So what! There are a few tickets left, and its not like there aren't going to be any scalpers outside of the Pacific Coliseum. RUSH, a trio formed in the early 70's, continue to churn out powerful, innovative music that puts much of today's disco/muzak to shame.

Their new album, Presto, is a worthwhile buy and the Presto tour promises a good mix of new and old material. You don't have to be a die hard RUSH fan to enjoy their music. There's something for everyone when it comes to this band.

A simple, straightforward three piece approach seems to work very well: Geddy Lee playing bass and the lead vocalist (Geddy was voted the ugliest man in rock by the way, but don't let that sway you opinion of the man), Alex Lifeson on guitar and Neil Peart (world renowned for his drumming capabilities), on the skins. RUSH is a band that proves that the rock trio is just as pleasing a combination as a band with any number of members. Friday March 23rd at the Pacific Coliseum.



STUDENTS' SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE BY-ELECTIONS

This is to notify all DOUGLAS COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE UPCOMING STUDENTS' SOCIETY BY-ELECTIONS. The by-Elections are being held for the following REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

- 2 Business Representatives
- 1 Developmental Studies Representative
- 1 Indigenous Student Representative
- 1 Maple Ridge Campus Representatives
- 3 Nursing and Dental Representatives
- 2 Social Services Representatives
- 5 University Transfer Representatives

ELIGIBILITY

CANDIDATES must be registered at Douglas College and enrolled in at least one (1) credit course, and have paid their fees in full. Candidates must be enrolled in a majority of courses within the programme they are running to represent. Candidates must be nominated by not less than ten (10) members in good standing (fees have been paid and member is registered in at least one credit course at Douglas College). Candidates must be elected only by students enrolled in a majority of courses within the programme the candidate is running to represent.

NOMINATIONS

NOMINATION PAPERS shall contain the NAME and STUDENT NUMBER of the members nominated, along with the POSITION for which the member is nominated. NOMINATION shall open on THURSDAY JANUARY 25 1990 AT 8 AM and SHALL CLOSE ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8 1990 AT 12 PM.

CAMPAIGNING

CAMPAIGNING may commence as soon as the proper nomination form has been filed, and **MUST CEASE AT 8 PM WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14 1990.**

VOTING

Voting will be held on FEBRUARY 15 AND 16. POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM UNTIL 8 PM ON FEBRUARY 15 and 8AM UNTIL 4PM ON FEBRUARY 16. Phone 527-5110 or 467-9623 for further information.



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Other News

Student Loan Fraud Gets Jail Term

WINDSOR (CUP) -- A St. Clair college student will spend 10 days in jail, after pleading guilty to lying on her student loan application.

Candy Decko will also be ineligible for further assistance under both Canada and Ontario student assistance programs, after she was sentenced in a Belleville provincial court.

Decko wrote on two assistance applications that she had always

been an Ontario resident. But when federal officials investigated her record, they found she had defaulted on a student in Alberta.

Canadian Federation of Students spokesperson Catherine Loui called the punishment "obscene."

"How on earth can they justify that when she may have been absolutely desperate for money to study," she said. "A lot of students default on loans simply because

they can't get a job to pay them back."

Students found guilty of fraud, or falsifying information, can be fined up to \$1,000 under the Canada Student Loans Act. Most will have to pay back any money they received and all will be ineligible for financial aid.

Convictions under the loan act carry no jail term but students can also be charged with fraud under the criminal code, which carries

more severe penalties.

Canada student loan program administrators say jail terms for student loan fraud are very rare.

Ontario government statistics say that of the 31 cases of suspected fraud investigated in 1986/87, only six went to court. There were 110,000 college and university students receiving Ontario financial aid in 1986/87.

Halifax Univ. Beats Black Man

by Padraic Brake

HALIFAX (CUP) -- The beating of the only black male student in Stellarton's community college last week was a conspiracy in the eyes of his parents, said Winston Ruck of the Black United Front.

Cosmetology student Jeremy Paris said he has been the brunt of insults and name calling since he enrolled in the Nova Scotia Community College, in Pictou County, last September.

With about 100 other students watching, Paris said he "was held by one or two people, while at least one punched me and some kicked me." Paris required stitches to his head, and had bruises over his body after the incident.

Ruck said, "You can draw your own conclusions (as to why no one tried to stop the fight), but one might be that they relish the idea of this black person being beaten up." The principal of the school, John Keating, said, "I don't think there is a racial problem in our school, but there may be one or two who have racial problems."

"That's foolishness," Paris said. "There's quite a bit of racism in the school, but there's also a lot of pretty good students too. But there's too many that are not."

Keating said, "Some people

don't have a clue what racist is." He said that there were "racial overtones" to, as he described the beating, "a one on less than one fight". Paris said he didn't know how many people actually beat him because he was being beaten at the time. "No one tried to break it up though. Even the two bus drivers that were there to pick up the kids after school did not go for help, or try to break it up."

When Keating was asked if the school was planning to do something about dealing with racism in the school he said that they have been so busy with media calls that he has not had any time to sit down with the faculty.

"I feel he should be talking to the students about what had happened and how things should change," Paris said. "They could start with hiring some minorities for a start or having a forum on race relations."

The school does not employ any visible minorities as teachers, bus drivers, cooks, or cleaners.

"They should do something for the future black students that go there, or whatever minorities go there," Paris said.

Keating said his main aim was to "get the school back to normal." He said he was concerned students

had lost three days of classes because of the police investigation and media attention.

"After all that's happened I didn't think he'd say something like that," Paris said. "He's just trying to get the school out of trouble...After I got away from the people that were beating me up I got up to the principal's office."

"(Keating) just looked at me and went back into his office. He didn't ask me what was wrong...or how I was or what happened," Paris said. "It was the vice-principal that called the police."

The police did not come to the school until the next morning.

"They said they couldn't send anyone," Paris said. "They should be able to come to a scene of a crime."

Tim Connell, another student at the school, has been charged with assault causing bodily harm. Connell has been suspended from the school.

After Connell was suspended from the school, about half of the school's 350 students left classes.

Ruck said that he told Paris "not to be intimidated and to finish his education. The last thing we want is another black person to stop their schooling because of racism against them."

Keating said, "There is no more or less racism in the school than in the general population."

Ruck said racism is prevalent throughout the province, and that this occurs more than once. "It's on going."

Paris grew up in neighbouring New Glasgow. He said two years ago he went to a dance in Stellarton with a friend. "About one hundred guys chased me right out of town back to the New Glasgow MacDonalds," he said.

"And the mayor of Stellarton tried to say there's no racism in his town," Paris said. "It's quite a statement from the mayor."

"My mother is white," he said. "She grew up in Stellarton... They gave her a hard time."

Another resident of Pictou County, Toni Goree, has had to take her two elementary school children off the school bus and drive them to school herself because of racist slurs against them.

"She had her eight-year-old beaten up by a sixteen-year-old on the school bus," Paris said.

Paris said he has been living with racial slurs all his life. He hopes to open up his own salon one day.

Other Opinions

Bogle's Buntings

by Ross Bogle

The case of the felonious eavesdropping incident of the Ombudspersons phone tape has finally been resolved, partially anyways.

The student representatives have turned the matter over to a discipline committee. The incident was however, discussed to death as to the perpetrators motives with members psychoanalyzing and speculating over the grainy nuances of "criminal nature".

UT Rep Jamie McEvoy finally dived in and spared us all continued tedium by suggesting that regardless of motive, a breach of confidence had taken place.

McEvoy further stated that the proper forum for dealing with this breach would be a discipline committee. Meanwhile certain reps recommended impeachment and

distinct cries of "off with her head" could be heard in the background. It is interesting to note that the loudest voice for impeachment come out of the mouth of a council member who consistently abstains from voting on most society matters. Ho hum; we all have our roles to play.

Keith Olstrom, Ombudsperson commented that the matter was turning into a witch hunt. He also added that the societies apology published in the OP, last issued was offensive and a lame piece of junk.

As per usual the meeting got off to a late start and ground along slowly. Norm Gludovatz, speaker, made a strong attempt to get things moving in an orderly fashion but received little co-operation.

The meetings brightest moment occurred when the council

voted unanimously to award \$500 for disabled students to attend a conference. Bravo! Miracles never cease, it took less than five minutes! Disabled rep Richard Marion seemed relieved and satisfied that the DCSS met the needs of this worthy cause.

The most interesting point of the meeting occurred over strike stipends given to students who helped during the strike. After a phone around vote the council awarded \$100 honourariums to three students. Being one of the three students, I was elated. I felt the council demonstrated that they cared about me as a student and that they appreciated our efforts during the strike.

Alas things are never that simple in the DCSS. Many of the members felt that it was not ap-

propriate to give students money. Aias Perez felt it was wrong to "reward" students who were only taking care of their "own interests" and did not have the long term commitment to the society that the reps have. Many members did not realize that the honourariums had been given out. It took awhile for this to sink into the committee. When it did they discussed the possibility of taking the honourariums back (perish the thought). The council decided that it was not wise to do so. A very astute move as the council would have to eat a considerable amount of crow to live that down. Their in-depth discussion of this matter took an eternity, and slowed the meeting to a crawl.

It never ceases to amaze me that the DCSS bureaucrats demonstrate incredible fiscal dis-

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cipline. When it comes to distributing monies that might benefit students who are not part of the political inner circle. When it comes to their own expenses, conferences or jaunts to the nation's capitol, they do not spare the horses. Shame on you council, these things ought not so to be!

The meeting seemed to be rife with procedural difficulties. Business was resolved but exceedingly slowly with alot of posturing and cross debate. Some day in the light of a better world, the council may yet wrestle the use of Robert's Rules of Order into a workable format. I suspect, however, that this present council term of office is not quite long enough to achieve such a goal.

F I G U R E O U T

WHAT IT'S

A L L ABOUT



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